

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 49

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of
Rogers Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize and commend those exemplary institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, have contributed greatly to this State for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Group, Inc., with its corporate headquarters located in Nashville, is one such institution which recently celebrated 100 years of business; and

WHEREAS, throughout its many years of service, Rogers Group, Inc., has evidenced the highest levels of dedication and commitment to its customers, suppliers, employees, and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, Bloomington Crushed Stone, now known as Rogers Group, Inc., was founded in 1908 by Ralph Rogers; his son-in-law, Ben W. Rechter, joined the company in 1936, and his three grandsons, Sam Rechter, Rick Rechter, and Ben R. Rechter, followed suit, helping to engineer the company's admirable success; and

WHEREAS, in its 100 year history, the family-owned operation has become the largest privately owned aggregate producer in the nation and the seventh largest producer overall, employing thousands in facilities across five states; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Group, Inc., has helped build better roads, highways, schools, playgrounds, office buildings, and hospitals, lending its leadership and energies to environmental stewardship, facility beautification, and civic affairs, helping communities all over this great State achieve a better way-of-life; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of Bloomington Crushed Stone in 1908, quarries producing crushed stone in harmony with neighboring communities and the environment, remain the foundation of Rogers Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the company's core values of unwavering integrity, standard of excellence in every undertaking, and placing the highest value on people, comprise the foundation upon which Rogers Group has established a remarkable century of success; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary leadership of the company, from past officers Wayne Sowers, Gus Sieboldt, Rick Rechter, Robert Adelman, Frank Warren, and Don Williamson, to current president and chief executive officer Jerry Geraghty, has been instrumental in the growth, profitability, and recognition as an industry leader of Rogers Group, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 100 year history of Rogers Group, Inc., employees have been the heart and passion of the organization; with their dedication and skills guided by honesty, fairness, and high ethical standards, they provide top quality products and excellent services for their customers; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Group, Inc., has accomplished and completed numerous projects throughout its illustrious 100 year history; the company's work in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the runway for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the runway extension at the Nashville International Airport, and the Bicentennial Mall walkway in Nashville, are a few such noteworthy projects; and

WHEREAS, several meritorious awards, such as Quarry of the Year in 1999, for the Sieboldt Quarry; the Tennessee American Business Ethics Award in 2004, and the Pioneer Award in 2006, which recognizes leading firms for their roles in designing and building interstate systems, have been deservingly bestowed upon Rogers Group, Inc., over its long and estimable existence; and

WHEREAS, Rogers Group, Inc., has operated with acumen and integrity for 100 years, standing as a business of excellent reputation, and it is wholly deserving of the formal recognition of this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Rogers Group, Inc., on the celebration of the company's 100th anniversary, applaud its ongoing legacy of integrity and commitment to excellence, and wish it much continued success in its future endeavors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.